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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ANKARA VISIT

- 1. VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IS THE MAJOR STORY IN MARCH 10 PRESS. THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IS TREATED AS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION REPORTED PRIMIN IRMAK'S MARCH 9 STATEMENT THAT "DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT WILL BE VERY USEFUL . . . ESPECIALLY FOR THE SOLUTION OF FOREIGN ISSUES WHICH WE FACE. I AM VERY HOPEFUL ABOUT A SOLUTION."
- 2. MOST PAPERS ALSO STATE THAT THE SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS HIS ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE A RESUMPTION OF ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYAT FEATURES AN ARTICLE HEADLINED "NO MORE CONCESSIONS" WHICH WARNS AGAINST ANY CONCESSIONS ON ISSUE OF "BIZONAL FEDERAL CYPRUS;" BUT WHICH QUOTES UNNAMED MFA OFFICIALS AS SAYING TURKEY WAS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON THE QUESTION OF A CEASE-FIRE LINE AND SIMILAR MATTERS IN ORDER TO AID SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE AMERICAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

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3. THE ONLY EDITORIAL REACTION WAS A CURIOUS PIECE IN LEFTIST CUMHURIYET CRITICIZING THE IRMAK GOVERNMENT FOR NOT TAKING DECISIVE ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS, AND URGING AN APOLOGY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR HAVING PLACED HIM IN A "DIFFICULT POSITION" BEFORE THE US CONGRESS SINCE HE WARNED OF A TURKISH REACTION THAT NEVER CAME. MACOMBER

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